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Amended Claims (Attorney Docket No. LeA 34 813)

1. (Previously presented) Compounds of the general formula (I),

in which

- R¹ denotes hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- R² denotes halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- R³ denotes C₄-C₇-alkyl which may be substituted one or more times by fluorine or chlorine,
- R⁴ denotes hydrogen or halogen, and
- A denotes oxygen.

2. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1,

where

- R¹ denotes hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- R² denotes fluorine, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- R³ denotes n-butyl, n-pentyl, 4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-yl or 5,5,5-trifluoropent-1-yl,
- R⁴ denotes hydrogen, and
- A denotes oxygen.

3. (Original) Compounds according to claim 1 or 2,

where

R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and A have the meaning stated in claim 1 or 2, and there is a hydrogen atom in position 4 of the phenyl ring substituted by R¹ and R².

4. (Original) Compounds according to claim 1 or 2,

where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and A have the meaning stated in claim 1 or 2, and

R¹ and R² occupy positions 2 and 3 on the phenyl ring.

5. (Previously presented) Compounds according to Claim 1

where

R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and A have the meaning stated in Claim 1, and

A is in position c of the benzene radical.

6. (Original) Process for preparing compounds according to Claim 1, characterized in that a compound of the general formula (II)

$$\mathbb{R}^{t}$$
 \mathbb{R}^{2}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}
 \mathbb{R}^{4}

in which R¹, R², R⁴ and A have the meaning stated in Claim 1,

is reacted in an inert solvent in the presence of a suitable base and, where appropriate, in the presence of a phase-transfer catalyst with a compound of the general formula (III)

$$X^{1}$$
--SO₂ --R³ (III),

in which

- X¹ represents a suitable leaving group, and
- R³ has the abovementioned meaning.
- 7. (Cancelled).
- 8. (Cancelled).
- 9. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one of the compounds according to Claim 1 mixed with at least one pharmaceutically suitable essentially nontoxic carrier or excipient.
- 10. (Previously presented) A method of treating states of pain, comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, wherein said pain is acute pain, chronic pain, cancer-induced pain, chronic neuropathic pain, diabetic neuropathy, neuralgia, peripheral nerve damage, central pain, trigeminal neuralgia, lumbago, back pain, or rheumatic pain.
- 11. (Previously presented) A method of treating Parkinson's disease, comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 12. (Currently amended) A method of treating states of neurodegenerative disorders, comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, wherein said neurodegenerative disorder is cerebral vasospasm, cerebral ischaemias, craniocerebral trauma, migraine, spasticity, anoxia, hypoxia, perinatal asphyxia, autoimmune diseases, metabolic diseases, epilepsy, brain disorders associated with atheroselerotic disease or arteriselerotic disease, depression, Alzheimer's diesease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, multiple sclerosis, amylotrophic lateral sclerosis, multi-infarct dementia, or neurodegenerative disorders associated with bacterial and viral infections.